

New Mexico - Lovington Field Office
FY 2005 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____
Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating ____ Final Rating ____

1. Plants - 60 Potential Points

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
Rangelands:	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	60		
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	50		
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	40		
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	30		
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	20		
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	10		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	0		
Riparian	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	60		
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	60		
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 165 Potential Points

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.				Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil Erosion						
Range Seeding (550)				10		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)				10		
Water Quantity						
Water Development (516), (614), (642), (533), (378)				25		
Plants						
Brush Mgt (314) (heavy, medium, light)				30		
Fence (382)				30		
(Defer 91 - 180 days during growing season)				10		
(Defer 181 - 270 days during growing season)				20		
(Defer 271 - 365 days during growing season)				30		
Animals						
Prescribed Grazing (528A)				20		
Prescribed Grazing (528A) (For Prairie Chickens)				10		
2. Conservation Practice Selection				Total:		

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3. Other Considerations - 20 Potential Points

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	10	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	N/A	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active/planned sec. 319 project.	N/A	0	
D. This land is within a NMED Category I watershed.	N/A	0	
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	10	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Producer _____
Date

District Conservationist _____
Date

- * In the event of a tie in ranking score with brush management, the lower % infestation will rank higher.
- * For applications with no brush management, longest deferment will rank higher.